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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed December 23, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 40, 42-48 now renumbered as 1-8 in order.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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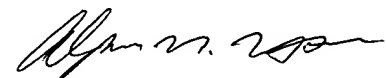
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 2/28/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 3/2/06
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



Alpus H. Hsu
Primary Examiner
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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Jessica W. Smith on March 2, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract, lines 21-30, "In alternate embodiments, the node also evaluates parameters such as identified assigned quality of service parameters. Whenever a layer 1, a layer 2, a layer 3 condition occurs, node generates an overhead signal within fifteen milliseconds of the condition occurring. An ingress node (a node that receives IP traffic and places onto the fiber optic ring network) adapted effectuate path restoration within milliseconds receiving overhead signal identifying failure and within fifty milliseconds the failure condition event." has been deleted.

In the claim: claim 48, lines 4-5, "wherein a type of the failure may include layer 3 type network conditions such as traffic congestion condition" has been changed to -- wherein the failure includes layer 3 type network conditions --.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The subject matter of the claims is allowable over the prior art of record because all prior art fail to teach or suggest a method for protection switching in a label switched router with an interface to a synchronous optical network by labeling packets to be transmitted over a

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synchronous optical network over a label switched working path and converting the packets into a synchronous optical format; receiving a failure indication in overhead bytes of the synchronous optical network that an adjacent link has a failure or traffic congestion, wherein the failure indication includes information on type of problem and link location; accessing a routing table that indicates label switched protection paths assigned to each label switched working path; and labeling packets that were to be transmitted over the failed link to the assigned label switched protection path in response to the failure indication in the overhead bytes of the synchronous optical network.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

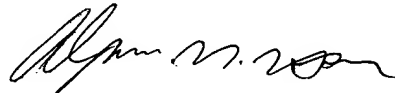
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alpus H. Hsu whose telephone number is (571)272-3146. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (5:30-3:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571)272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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